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For: PHOTO-INDUCED DICHROIC)
Polarizers and Fabrication)
Methods Thereof)
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 13, 15, 19 and 20. The allowance of claims 1-12, and the indication that claims 17 and 18 contain allowable subject matter, is noted with appreciation.

Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) on the basis of the Kozenkov et al. publication entitled "Thin Photo-Patterned Internal Polarizers for LCD." Claims 13, 15, 19 and 20¹ were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over the Kozenkov publication in view of the Claussen patent (US 5,340,504).

It is respectfully submitted that the Kozenkov publication does not constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). That paper was first publicly presented at a symposium held May 16-18, 2000, which is less than one year prior to the filing

¹ Although the Office Action indicates that claims 13, 15, 17 and 18 are rejected, in a telephone conversation with the Examiner he confirmed that the rejection is directed to claims 13, 15, 19 and 20.